



Writing these comments torments me more than anything else in manga production. I'm always racking my brains for something to write about, procrastinating until the very last minute. I feel like I used to have a lot more to write about in the past. When I look back and reread my old comments, I can almost feel the hunger and anger of my younger self. Does not being able to find things to write about mean I've lost that passion? No! As long as I'm still a manga artist, I've got to be constantly starving for something!

Masami Kurumada-1988



Masami Kurumada made his manga debut in 1974 with **Sukeban Arashi** (Delinquent Storm), the story of the life of a teenage girl. His first big hit came in 1977 with the popular series **Ring ni Kakero** (Put It All in the Ring). In 1986, he truly hit it big when he created **Saint Seiya** (Knights of the Zodiac), which was first scrialized in **Weekly Shonen Jump** magazine, then went on to span 28 volumes, 114 TV episodes, four movies and a video game!

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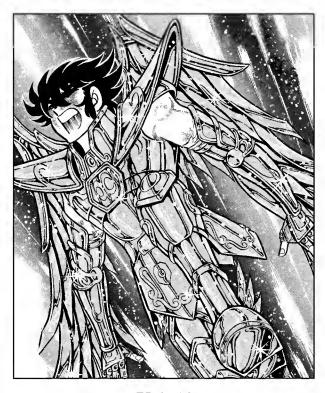
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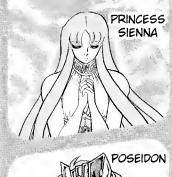


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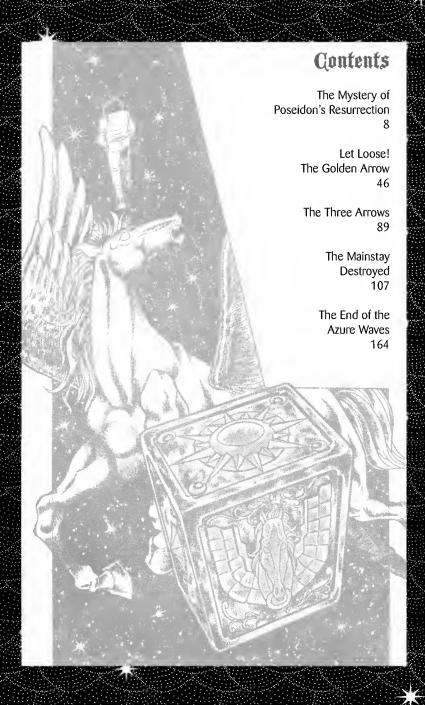


LEGENDS SPEAK OF YOUNG MEN WHO PROTECTED THE GREEK GODDESS ATHENA.
KNOWN AS ATHENA'S KNIGHTS, THEY WERE SAID TO WIELD PUNCHES THAT CRACKED THE SKY AND KICKS THAT SPLIT THE EARTH. TO RAISE WARRIORS TO FIGHT FOR PRINCESS SIENNA, THE INCARNATION OF ATHENA, LORD NOBU SENT 100 CHILDREN INTO THE WORLD TO TRAIN AS KNIGHTS. THE BRONZE KNIGHTS--SEIYA, HYÔGA, SHIRYÛ, AND SHUN--SUCCEEDED BRILLIANTLY IN THEIR TRAINING.

TO SAVE SIENNA AND ALL HUMANITY FROM THE WRATH OF THE SEA GOD POSEIDON, THE BRONZE KNIGHTS MUST DESTROY THE SEVEN PILLARS THAT SUPPORT THE OCEANS OF THE WORLD, AS WELL AS THE MARINERS WHO GUARD THEM. THE KNIGHTS TAKE DOWN THE PILLARS ONE BY ONE, BUT BY THE TIME THEY CONFRONT POSEIDON HIMSELF, THEY'RE WOUNDED AND EXHAUSTED. AND EVEN ATHENA'S COSMO HAS FADED AWAY...

THE STORY THUS FAR

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THE MYSTERY OF POSEIDON'S RESURRECTION















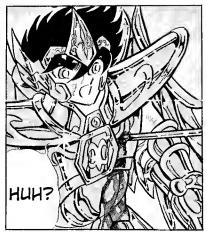


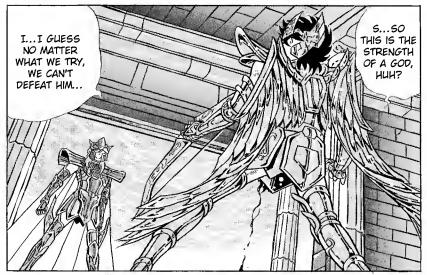




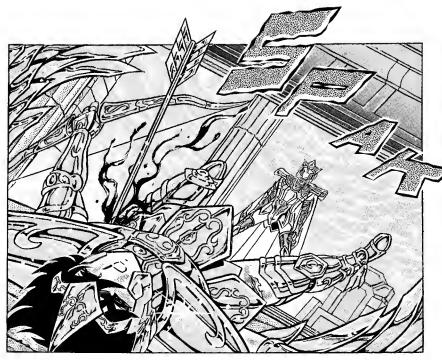














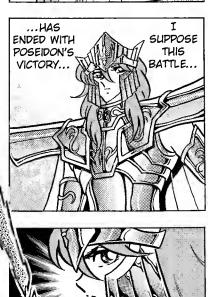


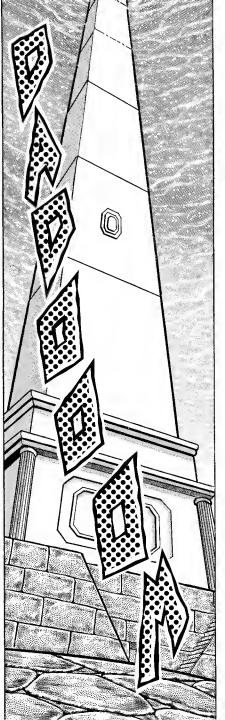






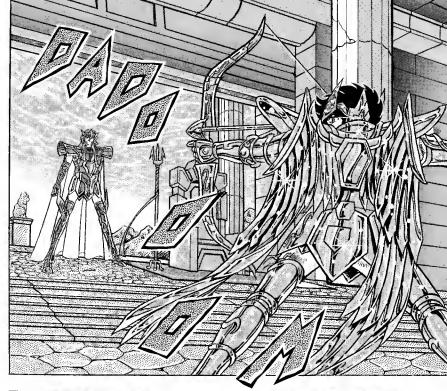














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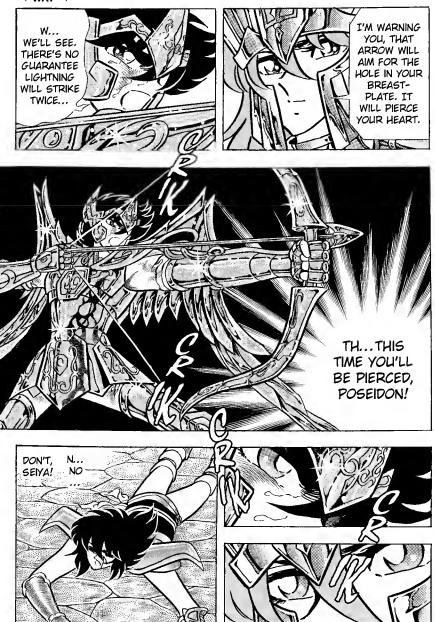












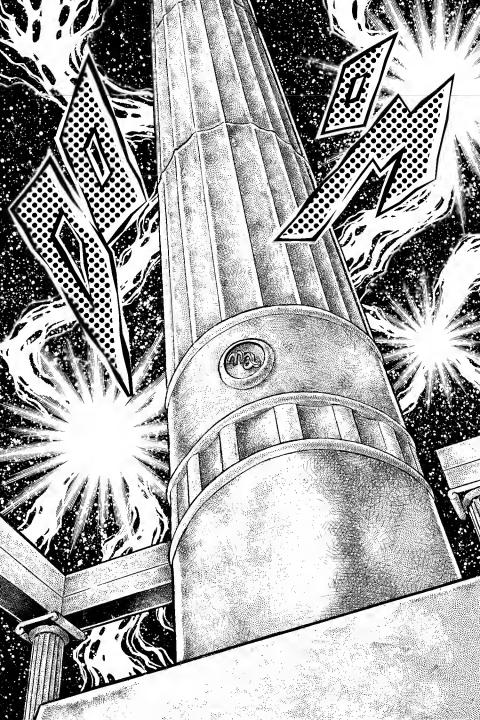






...NOT JUST TO ME...BUT TO ALL THE EARTH...











NORMALLY, THE PHOENIX PHANTOM DEMON PUNCH CRUSHES THE ENEMY'S PSYCHE...



WHAT DID
YOU FIND
IN CAPE
SUNION'S
STONE
PRISON, 13
YEARS
AGO?

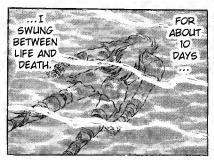


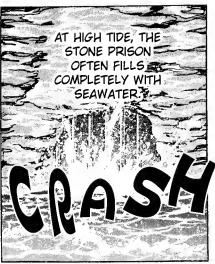












IT WAS
INCREDIBLY
MIGHTY, YET
TRANQUIL. I'D
NEVER SENSED
ITS KIND
BEFORE.

BUT EACH TIME I
THOUGHT I WAS AT
MY END, I WAS SAVED
BY THE PRESENCE OF
A WARM, GENTLE
COSMO





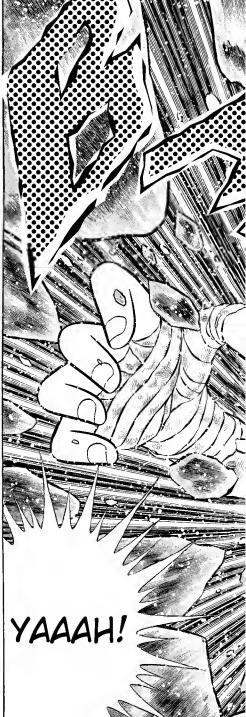












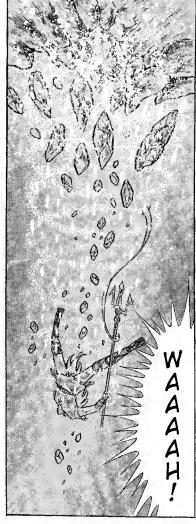






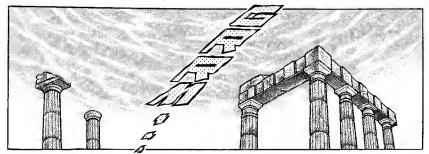










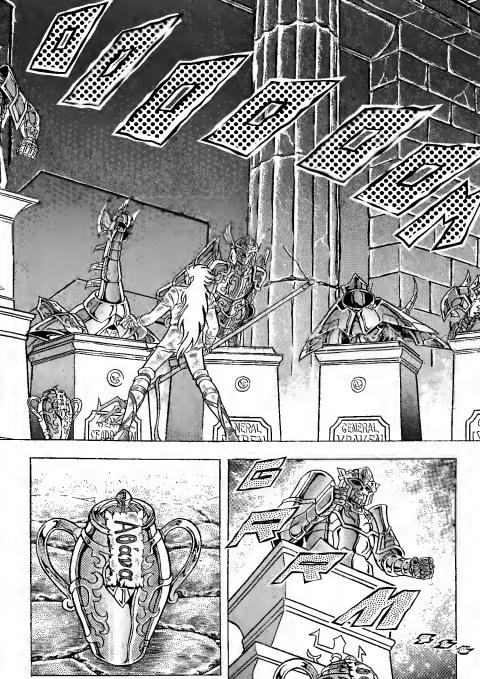




















B...BUT ATHENA'S SEAL HAD WEAKENED ENOUGH FOR ME TO PULL IT OFF...





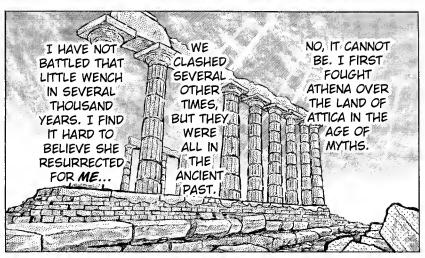






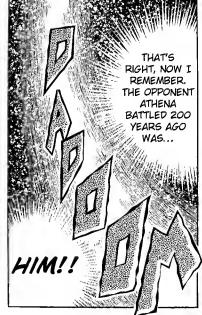




















HEH... NOW I SEE. ATHENA HAS MOST LIKELY RETURNED TO FIGHT HIM.



























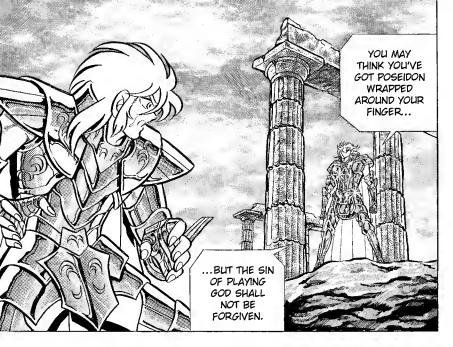


















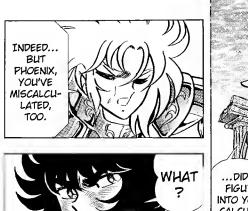


































































\*A QUOTE FROM THE ANCIENT BOOK OF HISTORY.





IF THAT'S ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, GO AHEAD AND SHOOT.



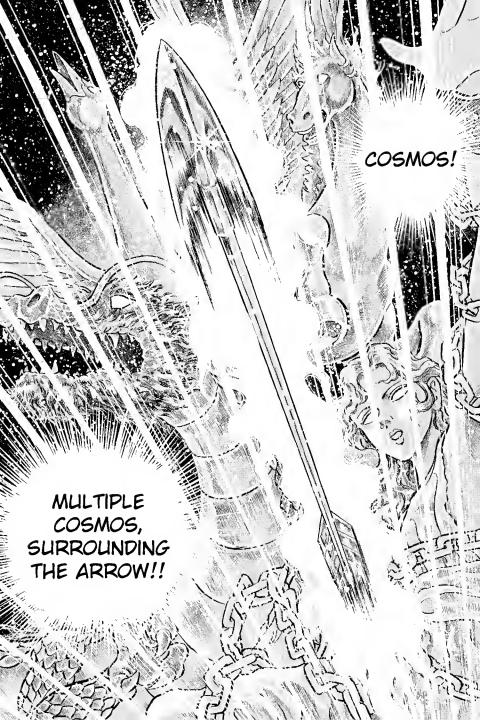
I'M TELLING YOU, ONE OF YOU WILL DIE FROM THE NEXT ARROW.











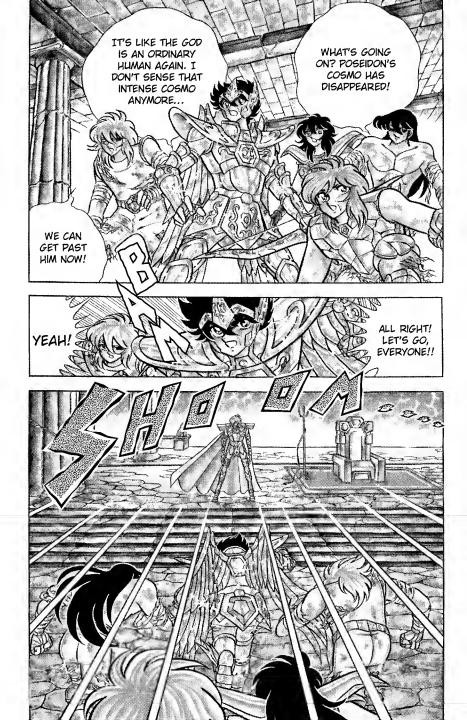




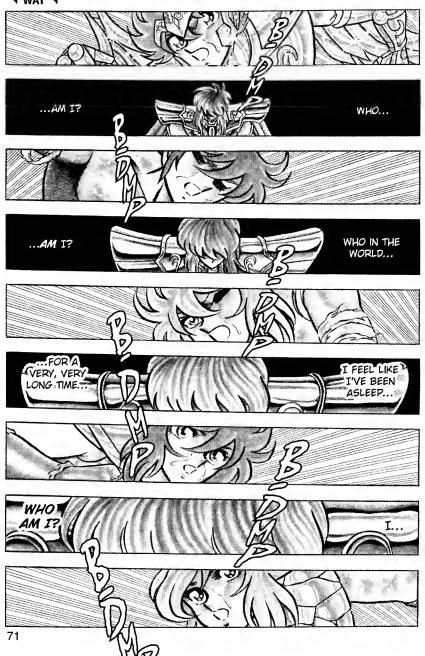


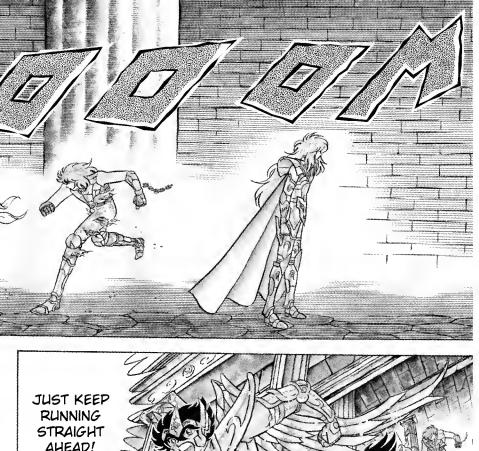


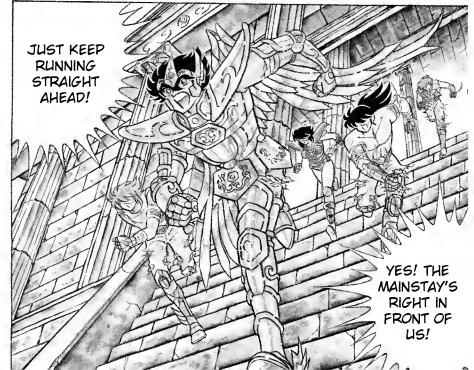




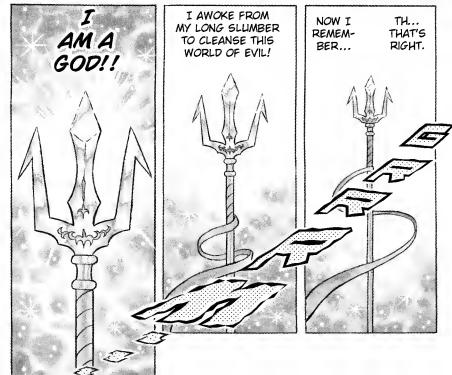


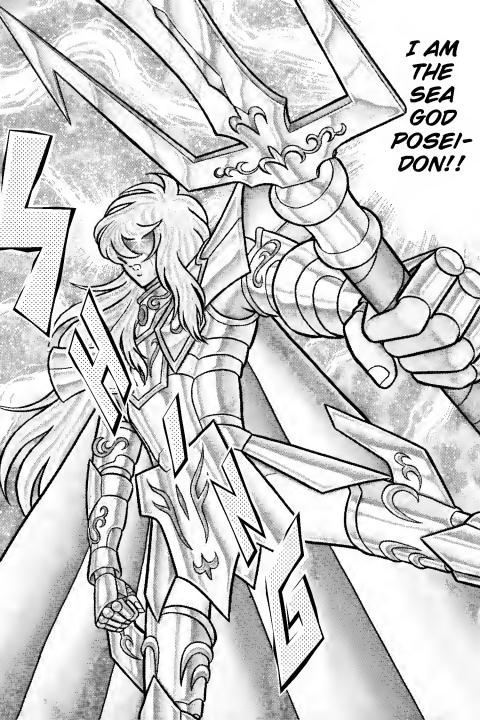






















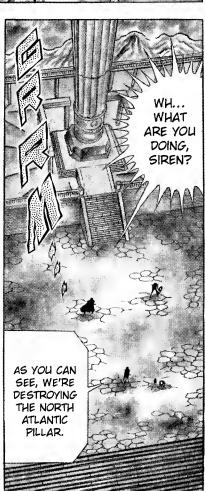


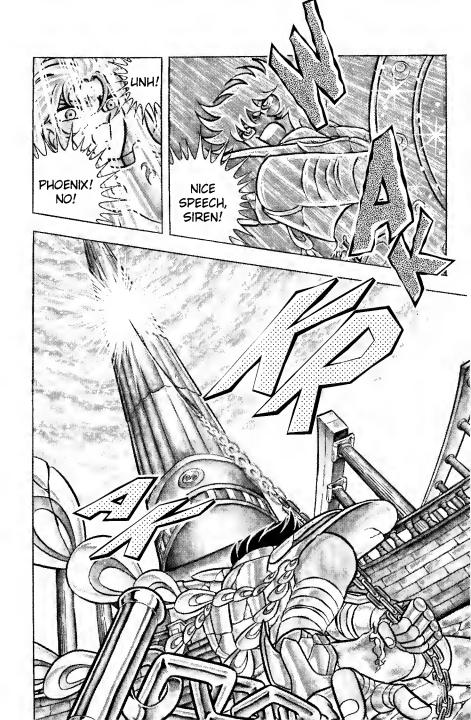






























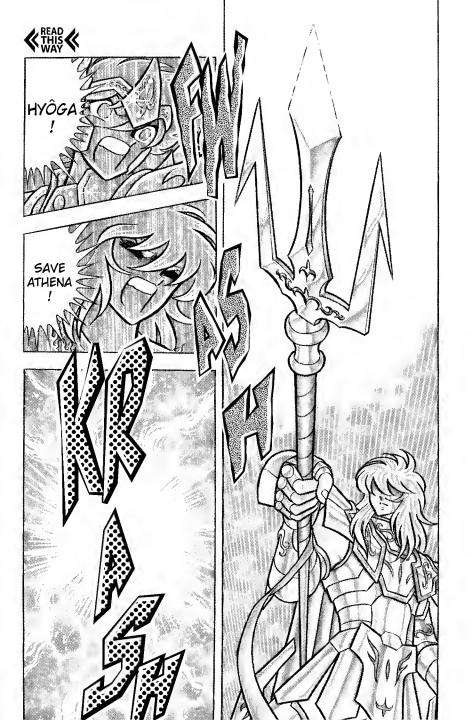




























ME YOUR STRENGTH JUST ONCE BEFORE I DIE!!







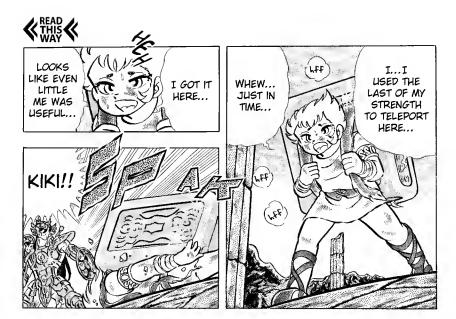




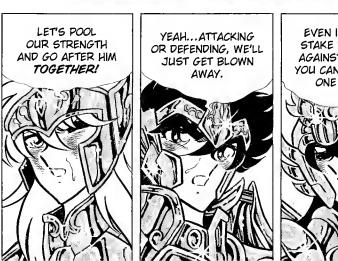






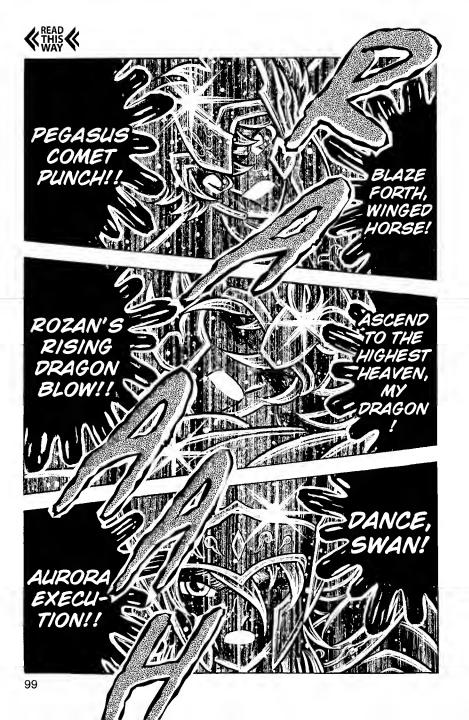














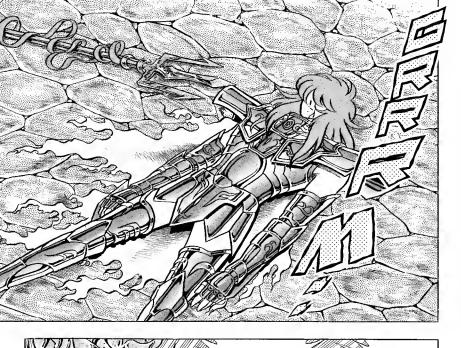










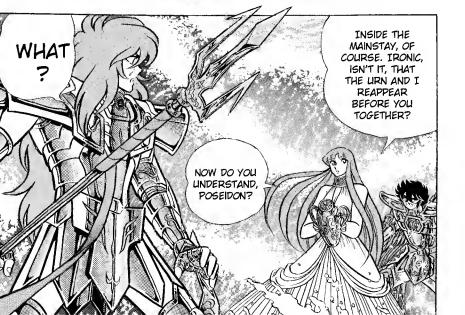


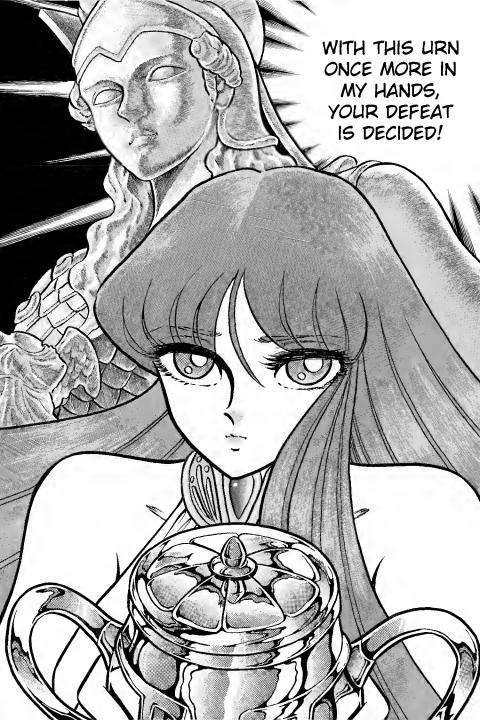




































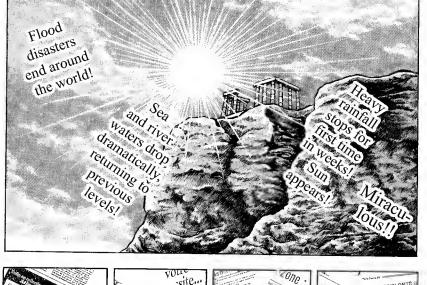




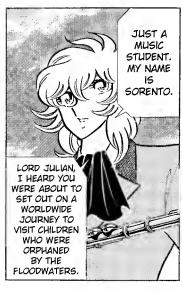














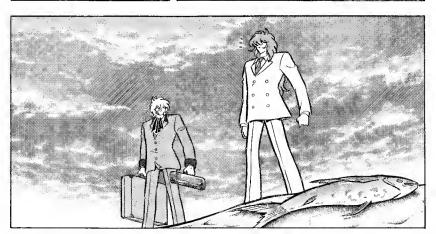










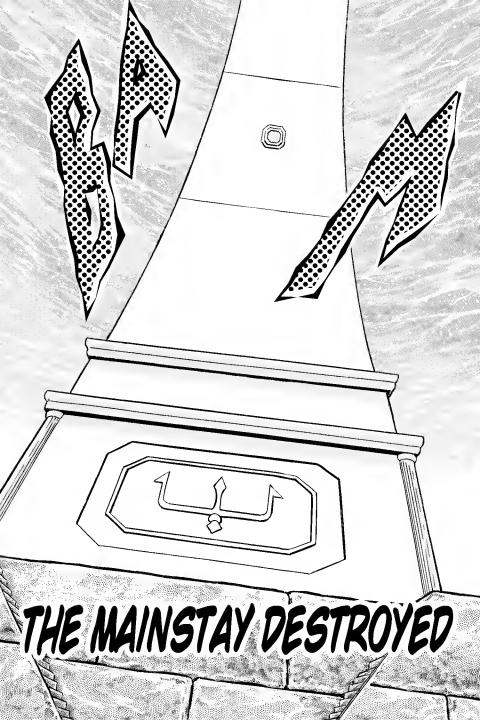








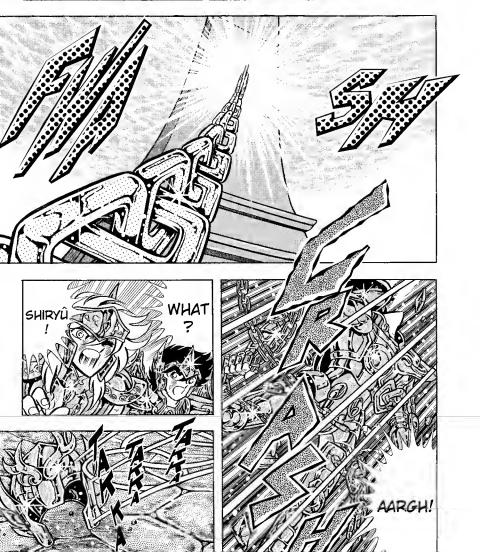








































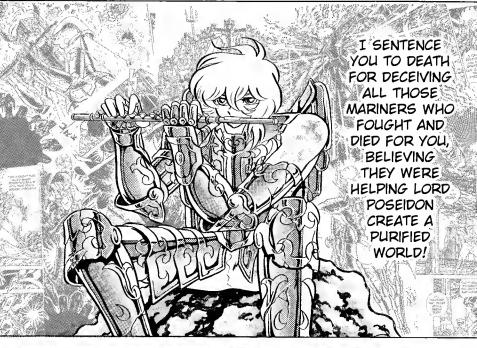






















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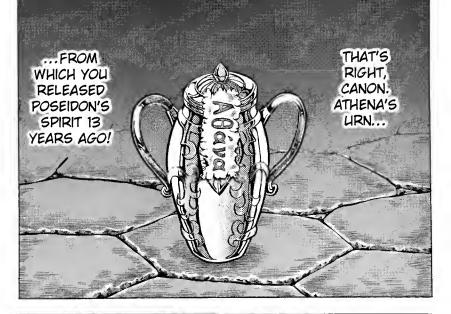












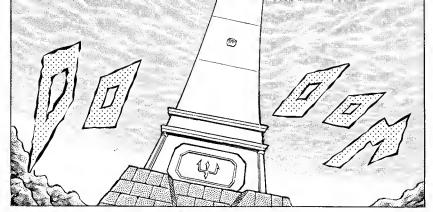


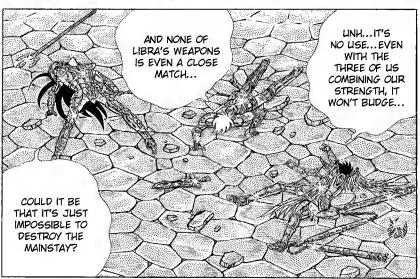


TO SEAL

POSEIDON AWAY,









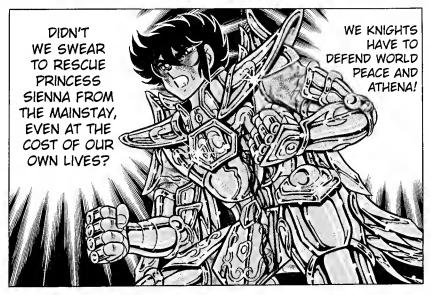












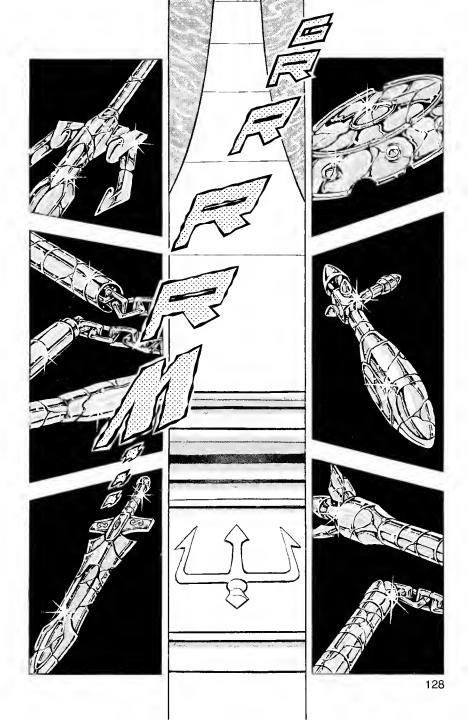














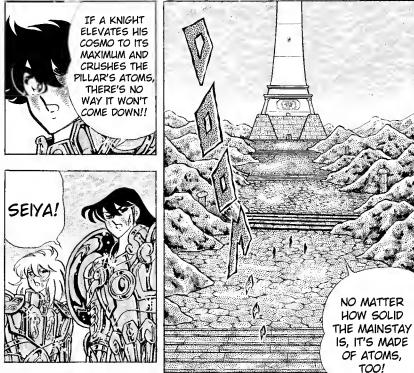




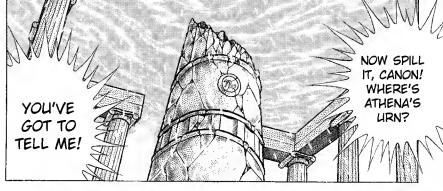








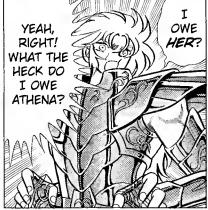




















IT'S INSIDE
THE PLACE
THAT ATHENA
ENTERED OF
HER OWN
ACCORD, AS
A WILLING
SACRIFICE...

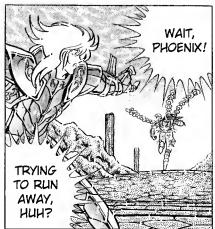














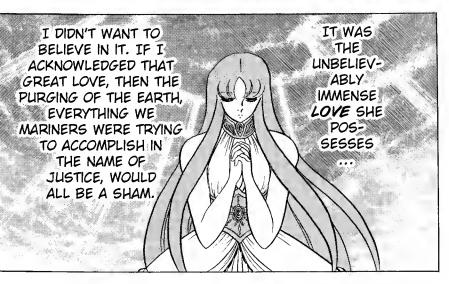












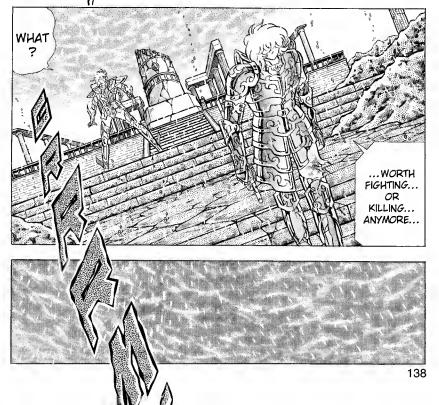






BUT JUST AS PHOENIX SAID, YOU'RE NO LONGER...





























SEIYA! ATHENA'S URN, THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SEAL POSEIDON AWAY, IS INSIDE THE MAINSTAY!























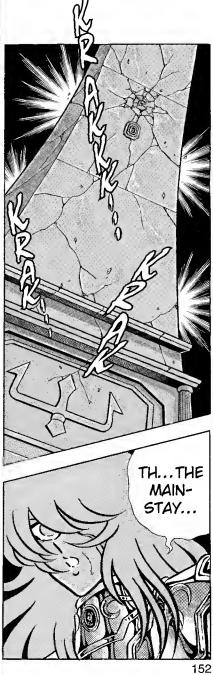


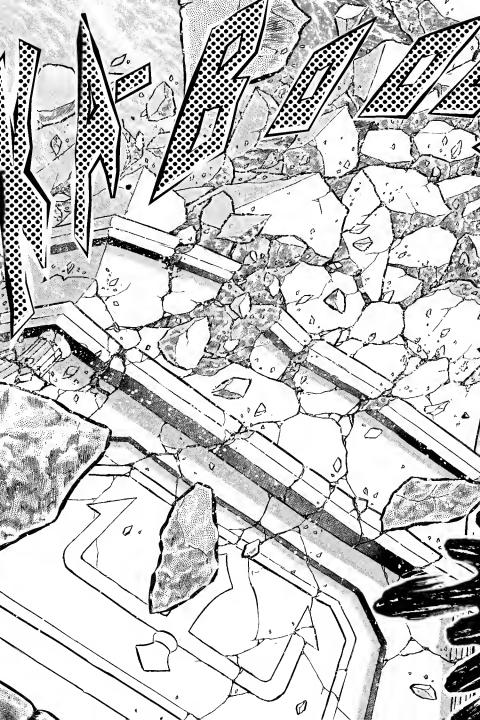














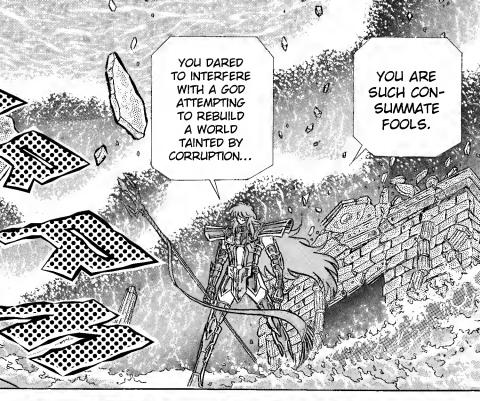
















IF YOU ARE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, YOU MORTALS WILL EVENTUALLY POLLUTE NOT JUST THIS EARTH, BUT THE ENTIRE GALAXY.





